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# 000 LIVES ARE BLOTTED OUT BY EARTHQUAKE

ire Calabrian Region of Italy and Messina, Sicily, Laid Waste; Fire Adds to Horror, Burning Those Caught in Ruins.

ORES OF VILLAGES UTTERLY DEVASTATED; TERROR-STRICKEN REFUGEES FLEE TO ROME

d-Wide Movement for Relief Promptly Begun; Rulers of Many Nations Extend Aid and Heartfelt Sympathy.

SUMMARY OF APPALLING DISASTER.

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of life and destruction of

ican, English and German de among the victims. makes donation of \$200; ige to property will reach

00 people, includes almost the in about 4000. The Monteleon is been devastated, and Riara, San Giovanni, Scilla, ad Cannitello, and all other tal villages on the straits

### ling Hurries to Scene.

rand Queen of Italy are now my to Messina, having sailed ben Naples aboard the battleich Emmanuel. The pope has greatest distress at the calal he himself was the first to t mm amounting to \$200,000 of the afflicted. British, of Russian warships are steamel the south, and already sevships of Great Britain and te performed heroic service in M Tercue

stred that many foreigners killed, as a number of the Messina, and doubtless at t, were crowded with tour-

known of the fate of the epresentatives of the powers at these posts, although the stament is using every ofdire the anxiety felt on this

### Hence New Threatened.

the greatest danger that a will follow the destruction of Wiste, on account of the vast The badies will lie unburied and weaks. Those who esa many of whom are bally making their way by the to the nearest place of reftrafferings even new must they are without food or

It the magnitude of the culas overtaken fellow all Italy mourns tonight for province of Calabria and of Sicily. Accustomed for errebquakes, Italy stands 44, but none was prepared uter which in the traction of lesterday devastated cities and caused the double of

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DEATH ROLL IN GREAT

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terrestial macistrom, was shaken to ruins. Flames burst forth to complete the city's destruction, and to burn alive untold numbers helplessly pinioned be neath failten walls and broken timbers. The strait of Messina was shaken and twisted by the earth's trembling, for mariners report the channel altered beyond recognition. The ports and villages on both the continental and Sicilian sides were wrecked and inundated, and all lighthouses along the coast were swallowed up. Navigation now is dangerous, and in some places coast were swallowed up.

beginning to recover from the ef-of the earthquake of 1905, Reggio was the center of the earth's uphen e scaport of Reggio is reported as longer existing, and the city proper in ruins. The loss of life on both Relation. At Palmi, 1000 are dead; at Cassano, 1000; at 150, and half the population bring the news of the city's destruction, tried to make his way to Sicily in a sailhoat, but was compelled to return, and finally found safety at a peninsula In describing his experiences, he

"The sea was strangely, mysteriously agitated, and the heavens were ablaze. Nearing Sicily, the clearing smoke revealed the mystery; Messina was in flames. In the frenzy of despair, I turned my beat back to Caiabria."

Starving, bleeding from injuries, and almost iname from their terrifying experiences, Messina's survivors are fleeing in all directions. The spectacle presented by the ruined seaport is described as terrifying. Tumbling buildings both killed and mutilated many, while hundreds of the injured, imprisoned in the wreckage, were abandoned to their fate by the fleeing porulace. One of those who escaped sgalt; "The earth seemed suddenly to drop, and then turn violently on its axis. The whole population, who practically were precipitated from the houses reat in twain, were spin around like tops as they ran through the streets. Many fell crushed to death, and others, be-wildered, took refuge for breath beside

mildered, took refuge for breath beside the tottering walls, where they soon mut the fate of their companions."

Aid From Other Nations. Aid From Other Nations.

Already British and Russian squadrons have arrived at Messian. Sailors and marines have been disembarked, and they have performed courageous acts in rescuing the injured and removing the wounded. A large number of survivors have been transferred to the warships, which are transferred to the warships, which are transferred into great floating hospitals. Steamers with doctors, druggists, firemen and workmen have arrived at Messian from Catabria and other places.

Special dispatches received here from Catabria confirm the destruction of

Special disputches received here round Calabria confirm the destruction of Reggio. They report that the situation there is as bad, if not worse, than at Messua. The streets in Rome are jammed with people, who as soon as they heard the news flocked into the

The hands of all the nations have been extended to Italy in her affliction. From rulers have come messages of condolence and from the people spontaneous promise of that aid which brings the world closer together in time of control of the condolence.

brings the world closer together in time of great calamity.

Great Britsin, France and Russia have sent their warships quick as the finsh of the telegraph could carry the orders to lend assistance to stricken cities. Relief funds have already been started and a hundred ships and trains are on their way carrying supplies and reinforcements to the south Rome. Milan, Florence, Naples and other cities are sending physicians, police and firemen. All the embassadors and ministers expressed sympathy with M. Tit

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THE NEW GOING IN-THE OLD COMING OUT



In View of the New Administration Taking Control, Many of the County Officials Are "Resigning"

## SHARP REPRIMAND FOR SOL KIMBALL

Attorney-General Issues Official Rebuke and Transmits It to Marshal Smyth.

HOLDS THAT COMPLAINT WAS JUSTLY MADE

The sea was strangely, mysteriously Must Be Real Good Now, or Serious Consequences Will Be the Result.

> lal to The Tribune. WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Attorney General Bonaparts made public the following letter this afternoon:

"L. H. Smyth, Esq., United States Marshal, Salt Lake City, Utah. Sir:— The department is duly in receipt of your letter of the 19 mst., euclosing the explanation of Bailiff S. F. Winhall in county to enclosing the explanation of Bailiff S. F. Kimbali, in regard to the complaint against him of writing and causing to be circulated an abusive article. The department has noted the terms of Bailiff Kimball's explanation, his admission that he acted injudiciously, and his promise that he will not again take a similar course. It is also noted in the correspondence that Bailiff Kimball acted under considerable provocation.

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"The department has taken all the circumstances of this case, as shown by the correspondence, under advisement, and directs you to admonish Bailiff Kimball that his conduct in the premises was such as to cause serious embarrassment to the department and to the court of which he is an officer; that it feels that a due sense of propriety on his part would have prevented in from engaging in a controversy of priety on his part would have prevented him from engaging in a controversy of this character, and from making pub-lic utterances of which complaint has justly been made. While the provoca-tion which he seems to have had is taken into consideration by the de-partment, it feels that Bailiff. Kim-ball's conduct has been such as to merit a sharp reprimand, and this you are directed to administer in the terms in-dicated by this letter. In view of Bailiff Kimball's previous record, his admisdicated by this letter. In view of Bailiff Kimball's previous record, his admission of his fault, and his promise for the future, it is not deemed necessary that the department shall take further action than this letter of reprimand, slithough any future indiscretion on his part will be followed by measures of a sharp disciplinary character. Very respectfully

epectfully, CHAS. J. BONAPARTE,

### Evidently Suicide.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29.—George T., Exton, proprietor of the Exton Music company and a prominent business man of this city, was found in the basement of the company a building today with a bullet hole in his head.

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Sporting News.

neroplane Jockeys fight during race at Emersyelle, on their mounts. Basketbull seuson opens New 

#### YAQUI INDIANS NOW AGREE TO BE GOOD

NOGALES, Ariz., Dec. 29.-The long war with the Yaqui Indians in Mexico, in which scores have been killed at different times, including many Americans, has been terminated in a treaty of peace, agreed upon by three Indian chiefs and 166 of their followers and the governor of the state of Sonora, Mexico.

The acene enacted at the treaty was a remarkable one, concluding with the Mexican soldiers embracing the Yaquis and participating in a celebration lasting all when 

### URGE LABOR LEADERS TO DEFY THE COURTS

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 29.—In scathing resolutions, the Spokane Central Labor union went on record as urging the head officers of the American Federation of Labor to defy the Supreme court of the District of Columbia, and, if the higher court concurs in the decision, to defy that court and keep on publishing in the Federationist the list of employers unfair to organized labor. The central body, representing about thirty-five unions in the city, also pledged its support to the officers of the American Federation. The Buck Stove and Bange company was also denounced. SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 29 .-

Former Political Boss of San Israel. Francisco Gets Maximum Penalty for Bribery.

APPEAL TAKEN, ACTING AS STAY OF EXECUTION

This Conviction Is on Only One of Hundred and Fourteen Indictments Against Accused.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.-Four teen years in the penitentiary, the maximum sentence provided for bribery of a supervisor, was the penalty meted out tonight to Abraham Ruef, who for four years directed the political destinies of San Francisco as adviser of the administration of Eugene E. Schmitz, former mayor of the city.

Judgment was pronounced at the close of a day devoted to legal battle, wherein the defense sought to introduce many reasons for a new trial. When Judge William P. Lawlor had denied this and other motions involving delay, the defendant arose at the court's command and stood unmoved through the recital of judgment. There was no demonstration on the part of the spectators during the proceedings in the court room, nor later, when Ruef, having entered the prison van in the custody of a deputy sheriff, started in the dusk on his long ride to the county fail,

### Appeal Is Taken.

Before the adjournment of court, no tice of appeal had been filed on behalf of the defendant, and the court had signed a writ of probable cause, which will act as a stay of execution in the

case. In the trial, that was prolonged through a period of nearly four months. Ruef was convicted on December 10 of bribing John J. Furey, a former supervisor, to favor the award of an overhead trolley franchise to the United Railreads. This was one of 114 indictments returned against Ruef by the Oliver grand jury, which heard the confessions of sixteen supervisors, who admitted the acceptance of bribes in several matters involving public service corporations.

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one of the many incidents that tend-ed to make the trial of Ruef remark-able was the shooting of Assistant Dis-trict Attorney Francis J. Hency by Morris Haas, an ex-cenvict, whose past record was exposed by the prosecutor after the would be slaver had been accepted as a member of the jury in Ruef's second trial. Hass subsequently committed suicide in the county jail.

# HIMSELF UPRIGHT

Strongly Denies That He Fled Witness for Defense Relates From Venezuela to Escape Political Crisis.

WILLING TO GO BACK AND "FACE THE MUSIC"

But Seems to Have No Intention Colored Cook Adds Spicy Deof Doing So, From All Present Appearances.

the hospital and returned to the Esplanade hotel this afternoon. He granted an interview to the Associated Press correspondent tonight. The former president was asked if there was any truth in the statement published in various newspapers to the effect that going to happen. Senor Casaro, who was already great

irritated over press reports concerning his movements and affairs, at first refused to discuss the matter, and then calmly made the following reply: "No; for if I had even suspected

such a thing I would have remained in Venezuela even had my life been im-periled through ill health, because I have always been, and am now, the slave to honor and duty. The only fear I have is the fear of Gomez." Willing to Go Back.

"It is rumored that the Venezuelan government will request your extradi-tion, in order to indict you." Castro

was informed.

"I do not consider that possible."
replied Castro, "since no such covenant
is in existence between Venezuela and
Germany. But even supposing such intention exists, only the slightest hint
is necessary, and I am willing to go to
Venezuela and prove my political
honor."

Senor Castre thought that his brother, eneral Celestino Castre, had acted erectly in obeying orders to submit up the arms and ammunition Concerning the intention of Fresident Gomez to settle the outstanding foreign questions, Castro believed that Gomez was acting as he thought hest, but declared that the action of Venezuela hitherto was justified. He did not intend, however, to interfere in the progress of events, and had not communicated with Venezuela in any way.

## WIFE "BOTHERED HIM,"

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Suspicion aroused by the fact that Carl Breltag, a laborer of South Brooklyn, had had the floor of his house cellar concreted the day after his wife disappeared three weeks ago caused the police today to make a visit to the residence, and in a corner of the cellar, two feet under the concrete, disinterred Mrs. Breltag's body. Breltag, who had made strenuous objections to the announced intention of the police to dig up the cellar bottom, was present when the job was begun. Finding them in carnest about the task, he pointed to a corner of the cellar and said to them, according to their story. "You'll find her anyway: she's over there."

there."

Mfs. Breitug's body was found in the spot indicated and Breitag was placed under arrest, charged with murdering the woman. The police say he told them he choked her to death on the day her disappearance was reported. December 6.

"She bothered me too much," he is resported to have stated as the reason for the celms.

#### FRISCO REMEMBERS HER OWN DISASTER

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—Mavor Edward R. Taylor issued a proclamation today calling attention to the earth-quake disaster in Italy, reminding the people of San Francisco of the genetous aid extended to this city when suffering from a similar though less apalling catastrophe in1906, and asking that contributions be made to the California branch of the National Red Cross society for a relief fund.

The first contribution to the earth-

The first contribution to the earth-quake sufferers in Italy was forwarded today through the Swiss-American bank. Four hundrod dollars were sent, which will be followed by other contributions that are rapidly coming in.

#### DOLPH A FREE MAN: INDICTMENT QUASHED

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.-William A. Dolph, against whom an indictment, accusing him of embezzlement from the Memphis lumber firm of which he was a member, caused his arrest in this city. a member, caused his arrest in this city the seeding of an officer here from the east to take him back for trial, and the institution of extradition proceedings, was discharged from custody and the case against him dismissed by Police Judge Conha. This was done on a motion by his attorney, after it had been shown that the chief of police of Memphis had wired to Chief Cook of this city that the indictment against Dolph there had been dismissed.

Pinchot Bears Message.

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OTTAWA, Dec. 28.—Gifford Pinchot, chief of the forestry division of the United States, arrived today, bearing an invitation to Canada to a convention in the United States to consider the conservation of the natural resources of the North American continent. He is the guest of the governor-general. The Canadian government will heartly accept the invitation.

Story Said to Have Made the Captain Insane.

WIFE HAD CONFESSED THAT SHE LOVED ANNIS

tails of How Victim Behaved in the House.

FLUSHING, Dec. 29 .- The marital troubles of Capt. Peter C. Hains, jr., and his story of the estrangement with his wife, Claudia Hains, came out in the trial of Thornton J. Hains today when Samuel C. Reid, a government building inspector at North Chicago, related conversations he had last June with Capt. Hains, making known the causes that led to the separation of the captain and his wife. The testimony of what Capt. Hains said was permitted by Justice Crane as baving n bearing on the mental condition of

the army officer at that time.

Mr. Reid stated that Capt. Hains told him that his wife had confessed that she loved Annis. Capt. Hains evinced signs of great mental distress in the narration of his troubles, the witness said.

Mr. Reid is said by counsel for the defense to be a brother of Princess Rospiglesi of Rome, and comes from Kentucky. He is a grandson of S. C. Reid, who commanded the privateer General Armstrong in the battle a: Payal, Azores, during the war of 1812

Witnesses Excluded.

before the morning session was Mrs. William E. Annis and Mrs. called Mrs. William E. Annis and Mrs. Charles Birchfield took seats within Charles Birchfield took seats within the rail. Mr. McIntvre objected to the presence of the state's witnesses, and Justice Crane said that while he did not see the necessity of it, he would enforce the rule, and exclude the witnesses for both sides, but would not exclude Gen. Hairs, who was niding the counsel in the case.

The cross-examination of Tierney the

The cross examination of Tierney, the garbage collector, who testified yester-day for the defense, was resumed. The witness could not recall the names of those to whom he told his story on the night of the shooting.

Prosecutor White then called all the

Prosecutor White then called all the state's eye witnesses to the tragedy, and tied them to the rail. Questioned by the prosecutor, Tierney identified those whom he saw on the float. Tierney said he did not see Arthur Andrews, Dr. McBride, Mr. Stephens and several others. Tierney declared that Harvey Rockwell was on the float. Rockwell had testified that he was not SO HE KILLED HER Rockwell had testified that he was not near the float when the shooting took place. Tierney testified that he did not see

Mrs. Annis on the float,

Reid Furnishes Thrill. Samuel C. Reid, building inspector of the United States training station at North Chicago, was called. He knew the Hains brothers from childhood, Mr Ecid said he called in June on Thornton Hains, who told him that he was "look-ing after Peter."

The witness related a conversation had with Captain Hains who, the witness said, used such expressions "My life is ruined," and "I wish I was dead."

Captain Hains, Mr. Reid said, obtained leave of absence at Sun Fran-cisco and came home. Mr. Reid continued

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"Captain Hains said he went to Fort Hamilton and, following his wife, who wanted to know why he had returned home, said to her:

""Why, Claudia, your reputation is at stake I have come from the utter ends of the earth to save you. I have heard gossip of you and Annis." The captain said that his wife told him that the gossip was ridiculous."

Mr. Reid said that the captain stated that he invited Annis to dinner to show

that he invited Annis to dinner to show that he did not believe the gossip. Wit-ness said that Captain Hains said his father told him there were things to be investigated and that he (Captain Hains) again spoke to his wife, and she

replied:

'I do love Billy Annis.''

Mr. Reid further testified:

'The captain said that his wife then told him all, that she loved Billy Annis and the state of the state of

"I could not understand it, said Captain Hains. 'The night before she gave me her caresses and told me that was not so. Mr. Reid described Captain Hains's appearance

Captain Wanted to Die.

Witness said that Captain Hains frequently expressed desire to die, and said that Thornton Hains had been so good to him. Mr. Reid said that the captain sighed, moaned and quoted some of Kipling's "Vampire," and said he never understood the poem before, but he did so now.

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Mr. Reid testified:

''Capisin Hains wanted to know what he had done to deserve such cruel treatment, and why Claudia, whom he had married when she was a child, could look him in the face and say, 'I don't love you.'' The witness, on cross-examination, said he thought Captain Hains irrational. He said that the captain had received letters from his wife saying that there was a scandal going on about her.

The cross-examination of Mr. Reid carried him over all of the direct testimony. He said he recalled that Captain Hains told him that when he first

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